GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:715
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2002
POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND GENERATION OF SELF EMPLOYMENT IN CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the satisfaction rate of targets fixed for various schemes of poverty alleviaion and generation of self-employment in Chandigarh UT has been very low;

(b) if so, the details of the targets fixed and the actual disbursement (cases and amount) during each of the last three years;

(c) the reasons for this dismal performance; and

(d) action taken/proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BAN DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Urban Development & PovertyAlleviation has been implementing a Centrally sponsored scheme called `Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana` (SJSRY) w.e.f.1.12.1997 all over India including Chandigarh. Under the Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of SJSRY, urban unemployed orunderemployed poor who have studied upto 9th standard are encouraged to set up self employment ventures. Under the SJSRY Guidelines, States/UTs are given freedom to fix targets based on their local needs/requirements. So far 85 persons (including 13 women) have been assisted by nationalised banks to set up micro-enterprises under the USEP component in the Chandigarh UT. The total amount of loan disbursed by the banks is Rs.30.46 lakhs.

(c)&(d): There is a special sub-component under USEP component of SJSRY called Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas

(DWCUA) which is intended for urban poor women only for facilitating them to set up employment ventures in groups. Chandigarh UT has reported that this sub-componenet has not been implemented there due to migratory nature of slum population and lack of ethnic and social affinity to form group suitable enough to undertake an economic activity. However, they are now making renewed efforts in organising skill upgradation programmes for the urban poor to enable them to undertake economic ventures.